



Newark Community Project for People With A.I.D.S.

'Let us fight the virus, not each other.'

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MEMORANDUM

TO : N.C.P. for PWAs Executive Committee Members,
Task Force Co-Chairs, and Friends

RE : Update on Current Activities

DATE : 12 May, 1989

I am writing to keep you informed about the current activities of N.C.P. for PWAs. In summary, these have included: attendance at the New Jersey Health Department Conference on Drug Abuse and A.I.D.S. by Ms. Mildred Crump and the Messrs. Samad Ali, Hector Miranda, Richard Powell, Richard Proctor, Timothy Weeks and myself as well as the Rev. George Ryder representing Newark (see enclosed copy of program and announcement of N.C.P. sponsored Open Forum);

Preparation and distribution of petition to Governor Thomas Kean by Richard Proctor (a copy of which is enclosed for your use). We are requesting that each member obtain 100 signatures and bring them to the June 5th membership meeting;

Attendance at the Community Foundation of N.J. sponsored Breakfast Forum on the A.I.D.S. epidemic in North Jersey at Prudential attended by Ms. Carolyn B. Thompson-Wallace on behalf of N.C.P. for PWAs (see enclosed newspaper clipping);

Attendance at hearings of the congressional Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs in Detroit at the invitation of Congressman John Conyers to which I accompanied Congressman Donald Payne and had the opportunity to see how another city was confronting the A.I.D.S. crisis (similarities and contrasts with Newark) and to talk with many interesting individuals, including Dr. Noble, the new A.I.D.S. Director for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta (see enclosed copy of letter to Dr. Noble);

Attendance at luncheon of Rutgers Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research regarding study of "AIDS Related Knowledge Attitudes and Behavior of

Inner-City Non-School Attending Youth in Newark (see enclosed letter);

Most important, recent submissions to the Division of Youth & Family Services (D.Y.F.S.) of the N.J. Department of Human Services (by invitation) and to the N.J. Department of Health (in response to an R.F.A., i.e. a Request for Application). The most significant characteristics of these two program plans are threefold:

a) They both address the urgent need for a comprehensive education/prevention effort dealing with 'At-Risk' adolescents of Newark.

b) They were both prepared in conjunction with the office of the Medical Director, Dr. Adewale Troutman, and

c) They both presume that Newark now requires an all-inclusive network approach to the A.I.D.S. Epidemic involving all who are serious about fostering the humane care and treatment of those afflicted and those affected -- This network of communication, cooperation, and coordination will work in conjunction with Drs. Troutman, Robert Johnson, and George Jackson so that a concerted effort can be effectively mounted by us all.

Enclosed are relevant materials for your review and future discussion including:

1) A revised copy of the R.F.A. (Request for Application) submitted to the New Jersey Department of Health; and

2) A proposal/concept paper submitted at the specific invitation of the Division of Youth and Family Services (D.Y.F.S.). [The enclosed DYFS program plan was modified at the request of DYFS officials.]

The two programs are similar and absolutely complementary to each other in that they both institute prevention/education activities for adolescents and are both set up to work in close cooperation and collaboration with the City Medical Director.

The Department of Health proposal also seeks funding for fulltime adult outreach counselors who would be assigned to a diversity of community-based organizations. Inherent in both proposals is a planful approach designed to develop a network of communication, cooperation, and coordination among service providers. The Newark Medical Director (Dr. Adewale Troutman) has provided substantial program plan and support to the input and is taking a lead role in the coordination efforts.

We have received a request for proposal from the Community Foundation of New Jersey which participates as a local funder in the National Community - AIDS Partnership. Proposals are due June 1, 1989, and awards, probably not exceeding \$10,000.00, will be announced in September 1989.

Despite the fact that we have received some funding and the fact that we are awaiting the announcement of different funding awards, N.C.P. for PWAs is presently in a serious financial state. To consider and develop strategies to combat this situation, I have taken steps to organize the N.C.P. for PWAs Finance Committee (see enclosed memorandum). This committee, with Mrs. Constance Proctor and Mr. Darryl Walker as Acting Co-Chairs, is charged with seeking private contributions from individuals, religious entities, civic organizations, and others. Your ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

In keeping with the mandate of our mission Statement, i.e. the broad dissemination of relevant information, this material is being forwarded to you -- not without cost for preparation, photocopying, and postage -- but with the knowledge that the more aware and informed are significant community activists in Newark, the better functioning will be our network of communication, cooperation, and coordination we all recognize is so desperately needed in Newark today. The feedback received to date has been extremely positive.

[In our upcoming general mailing to the membership as a whole, we shall not only be requesting the \$10 membership fee to help offset some of these costs, but we shall also be enclosing a questionnaire asking what types of information each member is particularly interested in receiving.]

With Regards



Derek T. Winans
Chairperson

P.S. I wish to remind you that our next membership meeting will be convened:

Date : Monday, 5 June, 1989

Time : 6:15 P.M.

Place : Offices of the Urban League of Essex County
Third Floor
3 - 5 Williams Street
Newark, New Jersey

P.P.S. Your yearly dues of \$10.00 are now past due. In order to be a member in good standing under our by-laws, they must be paid immediately. A self addressed envelope is enclose for dues remittance by delinquent members. As officers of N.C.P. for FWAs it is important that you set an example.

Enclosures:

1. Program for 'Prevention B9;' N.J. Health Department Conference.
2. Petition to Governor Kean.
3. Modified proposal to DYFS.
4. Proposal to N.J. Department of Health (revised copy.)
5. Letter to Gary R. Noble, M.D., and director, AIDS Prevention and Control, U.S. Centers for Disease Control.
6. MMWR 'Guidelines for Effective School Health Education to Prevent the Spread of AIDS' (obtained in Detroit at Congressional hearings.)
7. Letter from Rutgers Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research regarding research project on 'AIDS Related Knowledge, Attitudes, and Behavior of Inner-City Youth in Newark.'
8. Memorandum to N.C.P. for F.W.A.s Finance Committee.
9. Selected newspaper clippings.
10. Copy of Advancedata, March 30, 1989, "AIDS Knowledge and Attitudes of Black Americans."
11. "All About Clinics! HIV Trials in Northern New Jersey" - North Jersey Community Research Initiative (See newspaper clippings for article on funding received by this organization.)
12. National Adolescent Student Health Survey.
13. AIDS Weekly Surveillance Report, Centers for Disease Control - January 2, 1989.
14. 'Y8G' Magazine with cover story: "AIDS What Does it Mean to Teenagers in Newark?"